

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2014
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 20, 2014 Executive meeting, Public meeting and Closed session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme-yes

Councilwoman Zamechansky-abstain

Motion to approve the June 4, 2014 Executive Session and Closed Session meeting minutes:

Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Manna

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Councilwoman Correa-abstain

Administrator's Report

On June 6th we hosted a Loss Control seminar by Joint Insurance Fund. We receive credit on our premiums for this. It was well attended by Department Heads and Supervisors.

Bergen County Court will perform an annual review of our Municipal Court July 14th.

The Memorial Day Parade was a success.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Finance

The Councilman will be scheduling a finance committee meeting to discuss the capital budget.

The Audit findings will be discussed.

Councilman Brophy learned from the CFO that we received a very favorable rate of under ½% on a recent bond anticipation note.

- Councilwoman Correa

Shade Tree Commission

The Councilwoman attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting last night. They are starting a garden club-they have someone who is certified in that field.

The Commission is looking to possibly join with Recreation to do a Halloween parade at West Shore Avenue.

Chairman Slaman will contact Mr. Cavadias as to what types of trees might be planted at the PSE&G construction site.

They have gone through the 508 streets and completed the worksheets and will document the names of the trees.

There have been 23 tree permits this year, which is an increase from last year.

Engraved bricks for the Arboretum are still available for purchase.

- Councilman Hayes

Recreation

So far 350 children have signed up for Summer Recreation Camp.

- Councilman Manna

DPW

In May there were 447 miles of streets swept, 29 catch basins cleaned, 4 manholes repaired and 1 manhole replaced. 20-25 catch basins were checked and 6 repaired.

The DPW has been attempting to clear the brooks of debris but there seems to be a large amount being thrown into the brooks.

Ordinance Committee

The committee has just received input from our attorneys and Borough administrator. The issues will be reviewed at the next ordinance meeting.

OEM

He met with Captain Conner regarding the Office of Emergency Management manual update. Councilman Manna, along with Chief Faulborn, Captain Conner, Mr. Cavadias, and an EMS representative went to a CSX presentation. Captain Conner and Mr. Cavadias are looking into setting up a safety training exercise with CSX and first responders.

- Councilman Riquelme

Police Department

In May there were 1834 telephone calls for service and 87 telephone calls for medical reasons. Patrol issued 197 traffic summons, 2 DWI arrests, investigated 37 motor vehicle crashes and responded to 24 burglar alarms. The Detective Bureau investigated 10 domestic violence cases and handled 61 criminal cases. The entire department attended Firearms Training and Use of Force Training.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

On May 30th the Councilwoman attended the Senior summer luncheon at Rockleigh. There were about 75 seniors in attendance. Today they had a canasta tournament.

Ambulance Corps

The Councilwoman attended their meeting-they have a new program which should help them get to calls quicker. They also have new pagers so the frequencies won't interfere with fire calls. Once the Borough receives FEMA money, we will be offsetting some of the expenses the Ambulance Corps incurs for first aid equipment for them and the Police Department.

Fire Department

There were 20 alarms and 549 man hours in May.

Celebrations

The 5K Run is August 30th and Dumont Day is September 6th.

Mayor's Report

No report

Councilman Manna read a commendation addressed to Chief Faulborn from the Bergen County Prosecutor's office. Carmen Martino, Chief of Detectives thanked the Chief for assigning an officer to their most recent Joint Heroine Initiative. They arrested approximately 280 heroin users and approximately 40 heroin dealers. They recovered firearms and in excess of \$20,000 cash from the dealers. Officers were able to clear numerous burglaries and recover stolen items.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#14-133 Bills List *

#14-134 Certification of the 2013 Annual Audit *

#14-135 Approval of Two Year Municipal Snow Plowing Agreement with the County *

#14-136 Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill A900 Loosening Restrictions on Stream Cleaning *

#14-137 Approval of Liquor License Renewals *

#14-138 Approval of Limousine and Taxi Permit Renewals *

#14-139 Approval of Coin Machine Permit Renewals *

#14-140 Authorization of Execution of DPW Contracts * In response to Councilman Brophy's question as to the reception of the proposed contract by the DPW staff, Mr. Perkins said that initially there were some issues but they were resolved and they are satisfied with the contract.

#14-141 Approval of Block Party on Lucille Avenue August 16, 2014 *

#14-142 Armen Zorzopian-Approval of Full Membership Status in the Fire Department *

#14-143 Approval of Consolidation of Social Services and Senior Services Departments *

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked for a summary of the DPW contract. Mr. Perkins stated that the increase is 1.75% for each of the three years and an increase in clothing allowance.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

First Reading

#1474 An ordinance to amend, revise and supplement ordinance no. 1286 and its progenies as to the establishment of certain compensation ranges and related items for certain officers and employees

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

There was no discussion from the Council.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Robert MacDonald, 75 Lucille Avenue asked who is responsible for maintaining the D'Angelo property and for putting up a fence. Also, the greenhouse windows are broken. He also asked about security at the park.

2. George Stafford, 16 Kitchell Avenue, Wharton, N.J. represents the N.J. Highlands Coalition. He asked that Dumont pass a resolution in support of the goals and purposes of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.

3. Lynne Vietri, 41 Wilkens Drive: Lot sizes of 75X100 on the D'Angelo Farms property would be better for the surrounding area and would result in twenty homes.

4. Cathy Doherty, 110 Roxbury Road: Is the 3% Open Space availability the same in the proposed rules? Ms. Green responded it has not changed. Ms. Doherty: if we fell within the 3%, what would it do to a municipality's obligation? Ms. Doherty: if Dumont does not have any affordable housing obligations but land becomes available, will this change our obligation? Ms. Green explained that the June 2nd rules have replaced the April draft rules. She suggested people review the newer rules only. Ms. Green intends to submit an OPRA request following a subcommittee meeting in order to see how COAH calculated each town's data. The Borough received a letter this afternoon from COAH deeming us complete for the rehabilitation obligations and prior obligations. They cannot review the third round obligations yet. A notice will be put in the paper by the Municipal Clerk and at that point there will be a 45 day comment period. The comments are sent to COAH and a copy sent to the municipality.

Ms. Doherty: What is the driving factor for choosing an option?

Mr. Paster: Even if there is no Affordable Housing obligation, what's done with the D'Angelo's property has to be economically feasible, it has to be defensible in court, it has to be consistent with good planning practices plus it must be what is in the best interest for the Borough of Dumont. Whether or not there is an affordable housing obligation is relatively low on the list of driving factors.

Ms. Doherty: It is doubtful there would be rezoning prior to the rules becoming effective

November 17th. Mr. Paster: It is not necessarily fair to say. Having an affordable housing plan

is high on the list. Rezoning the D'Angelo property away from park and public use zone, which is completely indefensible in court, is high on the list.

Ms. Doherty: Are there precedent-setting cases? What is the process for the revised zoning ordinance? Mr. Paster: Zoning is done by the Governing Body with the advice and consent of the Land Use Board.

5. Lilly Binney, 32 Roxbury Road: If the June 24th motion to dismiss is successful and remanded to COAH are we still concerned with fighting off a Landmark suit? Mr. Paster responded yes.

6. Jim Smith, 93 Seminole Avenue: He suggested a non-binding referendum offering options for rezoning.

7. MaryAnn Annarchino, 84 Andover: Overdevelopment destroys communities. Why do we have to go with what the developer wants?

8. Dick O'Connor, Blish Place: 75X100 lots surround D'Angelo's. He is worried about the effect of values of homes in the area.

9. Walter Papp, 47 Wilkens Drive: Have there been any studies on infrastructure? Residents will foot the bill for improvements. We should be proactive.

Motion to close: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session to discuss:

Police-Personnel

Litigation-Landmark

Motion: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Correa, Hayes, Manna, Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Following closed session:

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk